



Town of Stonington Economic Development Commission



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The Town of Stonington shares an eclectic heritage with its 17,000 plus residents. Within the 38.7 square miles of the community you find a modern day blend of history, technology, and recreation. Toss in a major economic engine called tourism, place it against a scenic backdrop of sunlit, coastal waters, with plentiful wildlife, and then, surround it with similarly striving communities and businesses. It's a stew of the finest kind that has been brewing for over 350 years.

Day to day, Stonington is an ideal place to have a business, build a home and make a life of it. Please explore our web pages for the guidance, advice and information that will help you join our community.



With its roots planted firmly in the past, and eyes looking toward the future, Stonington, CT. is an inviting location for business and technology as well as family.

Work. Learn. Worship. Play.

This is a community comprised of people who have extended the hard-working habits of their fore fathers, and embraced the energy of the leisure activities all around.

The fresh air rush of a boat ride on Fishers Island Sound, the quiet plop of a lure hitting the water in search of dinner and the tinkle of glasses at a local nightspot are typical of the range of activities that enrich the lives of Stonington residents. It's amazing what you can do in one day. It's amazing what you can do everyday. (Click [here](#) to see a list of leisure activities)

Singers and dancers, world class acts and traveling troubadours, actors and artists, restaurants and movie screens, theater and the arts, the slots and the gaming tables, have turned the region into an entertainment center that attracts thousands everyday. The locals don't have to travel as far.

Many faiths, many church steeples, many raised voices join in daily worship of a goodness that dominates the community. It's a tradition rooted in the very foundations of America.

Education is a tradition as well and Stonington school students score above the Connecticut average. Over half the town budget goes to the school system. Recent renovations and an infusion of computer technology at the grade school level signal the beginning of a long range plan to keep Stonington's students up to speed in a changing world.



It's a Great Job!

Stonington businesses draw on New London County's diverse manpower pool of around 140,000 with a high concentration of skilled professionals, scientists, engineers, and craftsmen. Major area technical corporations include General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division, Pfizer's R&D world headquarters (as well as manufacturing), Millstone Nuclear Power, Davis Standard, and Computer Sciences, which altogether provide more than 20,000 jobs.



Marine education and research is a growing sector employing about 5,000 people. Within a 10-mile radius are Project Oceanology, The University of Connecticut at Avery Point, UCONN's Marine Sciences & Technology Center, The U. S. Coast Guard's Research and Development Center, Mystic Marineline Aquarium, Mystic Seaport Museum, and Survival Systems.



Tourism is the area's fastest growing industry. In addition to the Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun casinos, our shoreline and heritage sites have long attracted visitors. Hotels, marinas, restaurants, and retail shops, both chains and independents, are part of life's fabric here. We have a force in excess of 25,000 experienced in arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services and about 17,000 in retail and wholesale activities.

Southeastern Connecticut is New England's 13th largest financial center with a strong base of administrative talent.



The area is compact. Census 2000 figures show mean travel time to work as 22.2 minutes for those employed in New London County. Also within that time frame exist continuing and advanced educational opportunities at UCONN at Avery Point, Connecticut College, Mitchell College, Three Rivers Community College as well as local extension programs operated by the University of New Haven, Rensselaer Polytechnic, and Southern Illinois University at Groton. .

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Getting Started Locally, Regionally & State wide

Zoning approval? Permits and licenses? Trade name registration? Enterprise financing? Property taxes? More questions than answers? Start clicking here for direct links to answers from Local, Regional and State agencies.

Start Here at **The Local Connection:**

- 1) **Planning & Zoning Office** Building? Start here. (860) 535-5095. The Borough of Stonington handles its own planning and zoning. (860) 535-1298
- 2) **Selectman's Office** Permits and Licenses. (860) 535-5050.
- 3) **Town Clerk** Register your trade name to safeguard exclusivity. (860) 535-5060.
- 4) **Tax Collector** (860) 535-5080.

The **Regional Connection:**



SECTER

(SouthEastern Connecticut Enterprise Region)

1-860-437-4659 190

Governor Winthrop Blvd, Suite 300,

New London, CT 06320

<http://www.secter.org>

SECTER is an excellent resource agency serving New London County, CT and Westerly, RI.



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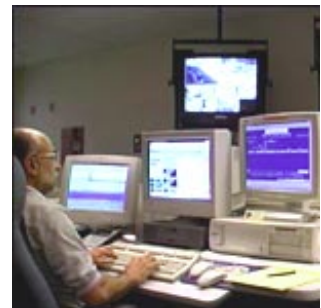
805 Brook Street, Bldg. 4,

Rocky Hill, CT 06067

1-800-392-2122

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Smart Start is a single contact point to register your business with multiple state agencies.



Development Zones

New Development

Stonington's preferred light industrial and commercial growth area is conveniently located off I-95 at Exit 92. Easy access, good infrastructure and success stories already exist with a mix of recreation, commercial and industrial business.

Redevelopment Opportunities

Stonington's legacy as an industrial town is evident by several brick mills and industrial buildings along the Pawcatuck River and near the Stonington Harbor. These offer interesting opportunities for industrial, commercial and residential redevelopment.

Success stories include Clifford Metals, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, and Hoyts Cinemas who have recently located in Stonington.



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Stonington, Connecticut - STATISTICS

Public Schools

Avg SAT Score

	Town	State
Verbal	507	502
Math	512	503
EXP/Student, K-8	\$7,361	\$7,669
EXP/Student, H.S.	\$10,158	\$8,585
Student/teacher ratio	13.4	14.0
HS Drop out rate	4.1%	4.6%
Grads to post/sec/edu	85.3%	79.1%



Workforce by Industry Sector

	Town	New London County
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, etc.	48	1056
Construction	514	7,902
Manufacturing	1,744	17,812
Wholesale trade	158	2,906
Retail trade	1,021	14,401
Transportation, utilities, etc.	282	5,903
Information	216	2,859
Finance, insurance, real estate	336	5,401
Professional, scientific, mngmt, etc.	704	9,780
Education, health, social services	1,843	26,027
Arts, entertainment, hospitality	1,437	19,130
Other, incl public administration	722	12,017



Demographics & Economics

	2002 statistics
Total Population	17,906
Per Capita Income	\$32,321
Median Household Income	\$52,437
Median Age	41.7
High School Graduates	3,737 (28.6%)
Pop. with some college	2,325 (17.7%)
Pop. with Bachelor's or more	4,533 (34.6%)
Moody's Bond Rating	Aa3
FY-2002/2003 Grand List	\$1,259,995,230
FY-2002/2003 Mill Rate	27.46
Median Res Sales Price	\$213,375
Owner-occup. housing units	70.7%

Stonington is:
80 miles - Boston
40 miles- Providence
49 miles - Hartford
117 miles-New York City

